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SUBJECT: GUIDANCE FOR PRESS STATEMENT ON JUNE 13 UNSC
MID-YEAR REVIEW OF MNF-I

¶1. USUN is instructed to circulate the text below with other UNSC members with a view to drawing upon it in the press statement for the June 13 UNSC mid-year review of MNF-I.

¶2. Begin text: As required by resolution 1790 (2007), members of the Security Council discussed on June 13 the mandate of the Multi-National Force - Iraq (MNF-I), and certain arrangements for the Development Fund for Iraq (DFI) and the International Advisory and Monitoring Board (IAMB).

¶3. The members of the Security Council received a briefing by Iraqi Foreign Minister Hoshyar Zebari, who provided the Council with an update on current developments in Iraq. United States Ambassador Zalmay Khalilzad reported to the members of the Council on behalf of MNF-I. UN Comptroller Warren Sach also briefed on the status of the DFI and IAMB. As requested by the Government of Iraq in its June letter, the members of the Council agreed upon the continuation of the MNF-I mandate and of the arrangements for the DFI and IAMB, in accordance with resolution 1790 (2007).

¶4. The members of the Security Council also received a briefing from on the activities of the United Nations Assistance Mission in Iraq (UNAMI). The members of the Security Council expressed their appreciation for ongoing United Nations support and encouraged continued and robust United Nations assistance in support of the Iraqi people and government. To this end, they encouraged the Government of Iraq to work with the UN in finalizing the location of a new UNAMI compound in Baghdad and agreement on a financial contribution towards its construction.

¶5. The members of the Security Council welcomed the successful completion of the May 29 conference in Stockholm on the International Compact with Iraq. While noting continued political, security, and humanitarian challenges facing Iraq, members of the Security Council recognized the important efforts made by the Iraqi government to improve security, national reconciliation, budget execution, reconstruction, and economic progress, as well as combat terrorism and sectarian violence across Iraq.

¶6. The members of the Security Council reiterated their call upon the international community, particularly the countries in the region, to support Iraq in its pursuit of peace, stability, and prosperity. They reaffirmed their strong support for the independence, sovereignty, unity, and territorial integrity of Iraq. End Text.

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